

Claim 32: (Added): The layered material of claim 31, wherein the diffusion barrier layer is formed from a polyperhydrosilazane.

Claim 33: (Added): The layered material of claim 32, wherein the polyperhydrosilazane has a structure represented by $(\text{SiH}_2\text{-NH})_n$, wherein n is an integer between 2 and 2000.

Claim 34: (Added) A dual damascene structure comprising the layered material of claim 22 and a metal element.

Claim 35: (Added) The dual damascene structure of claim 34, wherein the metal element comprises copper.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Insert the following before "Field of the Invention":

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REMARKS

No new matter was added by this preliminary amendment.

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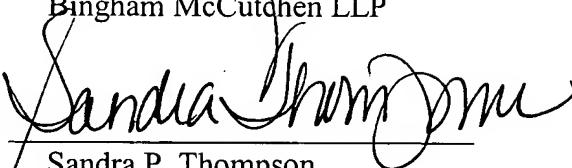
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 21-35 are pending in this application. The applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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